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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - April 13, 2005

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that a federal grand jury sitting in San Diego today handed up a one-count indictment charging JASON WAYNE CLINE and SHARONMARIE BALL with the attempted murder of John J. Ball, a Petty Officer Second Class stationed at Naval Air Station North Island, who is the husband of defendant BALL.

The indictment alleges that on April 5, 2005, the defendants, CLINE and BALL, attempted to kill John J. Ball by stabbing him in the face with a large knife. Defendants CLINE and BALL allegedly had planned to kill John J. Ball several days prior to the incident, and had purchased the knife two days prior to the attack. According to court documents, defendant BALL lured her husband, Petty Officer Ball, to a predetermined area on North Island where defendant CLINE was lying in wait. CLINE is a sergeant in the United States Army stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas. CLINE and BALL had met over the Internet in 2002.

Prior to the issuance of the indictment, the defendants were arraigned on a criminal complaint, which also charged the defendants with attempted murder. On April 12, 2005, United States Magistrate Judge Leo

S. Papas ordered that defendants CLINE and BALL be detained without bail on that charge. The defendants are scheduled to appear next in court on April 21, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. before Magistrate Judge Papas.

This indictment was the result of the investigation of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

DEFENDANTS

1. JASON WAYNE CLINE
2. SHARONMARIE BALL

SUMMARY OF CHARGE

Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1113 (Attempted Murder) and 2 (Aiding and Abetting)
Maximum Penalty: Twenty years' incarceration and \$250,000 fine.

AGENCIES

Naval Criminal Investigative Service
Federal Bureau of Investigation

An indictment is not evidence that the defendants committed the crime charged. The defendants are presumed innocent until the United States meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.